

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 21 and 26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 10, 12, and 15 have been amended hereby, and are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 6, 7, 10-12, and 15. Thus, Claims 6, 10, 12, and 15 have been amended to be placed in independent form, and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 6, 10, 12, and 15, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition of allowance.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 21, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0040314 ("Hogan") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,318 ("Minagawa"); of the rejection of Claims 8 and 9, as being obvious over Hogan in view of Minagawa and U.S. Patent No. 6,058,311 ("Tsukagoshi"); and of the rejection of Claims 13 and 14, as being obvious over Hogan in view of Minagawa and U.S. Patent No. 6,493,555 ("Saada").

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Hogan and Minagawa fails to teach or suggest that "the base station control apparatus includes a conversion table for the conversion unit converting the location area identifier managed by the location management apparatus into a unique location area identifier of the specific base station, and the giving unit gives, as the location area identifier for the specific base station, the unique location area identifier converted by the conversion unit to the specific base station," as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

The relied upon portions of Minagawa, at best disclose that a location code to which a radio zone belongs is changed in response to time, and Hogan fails to cure the deficiencies of Minagawa.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over the cited references, alone or in any possible combination.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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